

House Resolution No.

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize the Webster-Kirkwood Times, a weekly newspaper which will commemorate twenty-five years of publication on July 13, 2003; and

Whereas, the first issue of The Webster Times was a 15,000 press run of a twelve-page paper circulated in Webster Groves, Shrewsbury, and Rock Hill in 1978; and

Whereas, papers were picked up from the printer in Illinois and crammed into two Volkswagen beetles for the trip to a mailing company; and

Whereas, The Webster Times became the Webster-Kirkwood Times and began publishing twice a month in 1979; and

Whereas, in September of 1989, the Webster-Kirkwood Times took First Place for general excellence among member publications of Independent Free Papers of America containing at least twenty-five percent news, won that award again in 1990, and placed Second in the same category in 1996; and

Whereas, the Webster-Kirkwood Times is published by Dwight Bitikofer and edited by Don Corrigan, both of whom also own the South County Times, which was purchased by the Times in 1989; and

Whereas, the success of the Webster-Kirkwood Times is credited to the loyalty of its advertisers, readers, employees, and independent contractors, all of whom have made its twenty-five year-run not only possible, but fun and informative as well; and

Whereas, today the Webster-Kirkwood Times distributes 40,000 papers each week in the communities of Des Peres, Glendale, Kirkwood, Oakland, Rock Hill, Shrewsbury, Warson Woods, and Webster Groves, with store rack locations in Brentwood, Clayton, Ladue, Maplewood, and Richmond Heights:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty and best wishes to Dwight Bitikofer, Don Corrigan, and to all the dedicated employees at the Webster-Kirkwood Times upon this very special anniversary event; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the Webster-Kirkwood Times.

Offered by _____
Representative Kathlyn Fares
District No. 91

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. ____, adopted _____, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker